

Freedom of Information request 101-21

Request

I would like to request the following information:

For financial years 2020/2021 (to date at the time of responding to the request), 2019/2020, 2018/2019, 2017/2018, 2016/2017:

- How many patients have been prescribed antidepressants by the health board.
 - Please provide this information as an Excel format spreadsheet.
 - Please break this data down by month, where possible.

If also possible, please include the average age group for each year.

Response

Please see excel document attached for the number of patients prescribed antidepressants by NHS Borders.



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Response.xls

The average age for each financial year 2016 – 2021 is detailed in the table below:

Financial Year	Average of Age of patient
2016	55.47
2017	55.52
2018	55.37
2019	55.57
2020	55.73

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **101-21** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal

review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.